(c) Several steps have been taken for increasing production of tea in the country. These include financial assistance provided by the Tea Board to the tea industry under its development schemes for encouraging extension planting, replanting, rejuvenation pruning, new planting, infilling, creation of irrigation facilities and drainage etc. Tea Board is also provding financial assistance for research and development (R&D) requirement of the tea gardens and for imparting training to the tea plantation workers and management.

Export to China

1860. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export from India to China has gone up; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Exports to China have increased from $593.16 million in April—November 2001-02 to $1034.99 million in corresponding period of 2002-03. The major items of exports which have registered substantial growth include primary and semi-finished iron and steel, processed minerals, manufacture of metals, non-ferrous metals, chemicals. The growth in exports may be attributed to conducive market forces and an enabling policy environment.

EPZs in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan

†1861. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Export Processing Zones in Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) the details of the type of exports from these export processing zones along with the value of the export during the last two years; and

(c) the quantity of exports by each processing zone along with the percentage of share in total exports done by each State during last two years?

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